

RESOLUTION NO. 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
DECLARING A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE
AND CALLING FOR ENHANCED WATER USE EFFICIENCY EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas or District) is responsible for providing a reliable supply of high quality, supplemental water to the communities of southeastern Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, Calleguas is reliant upon deliveries of water imported by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) from the California State Water Project (SWP), and is considered a SWP constrained agency within the Metropolitan service area; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is now in its second consecutive year of drought, and in each year of the current drought, annual precipitation levels were inadequate to fill the state's key reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, rainfall measurements for the County of Ventura record 2021 as one of the driest seasons on record; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2021, upon determining that dry conditions continue to impact California's water supply, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) revised the SWP allocation for 2021 to only 5 percent of requested supplies; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, through Executive Order N-10-21, Governor Gavin Newsom expanded the drought emergency declaration to include a total of 50 counties across the state, and called on all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, on August 16, 2021, did issue its first ever shortage declaration for the Colorado River System; and

WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, southern California ratepayers have invested in regional storage, infrastructure improvements, and water conservation programs that are now serving to sustain supplies during this historically dry year; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan has indicated that its water storage reserves dedicated to meeting regional drought demands remain relatively high at nearly 3.2-million-acre feet and, as such, it does not intend to institute mandatory water delivery reductions within its service area in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan issued on August 17, 2021, a Condition 2 Water Supply Alert calling for conservation through drought ordinances and other measures; and

WHEREAS, the current extreme statewide drought condition, and SWP constraints serve to underscore the need for enhanced conservation measures to maintain reliable supplies during prolonged water shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District has adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan in accordance with California law, which is triggered during water shortage conditions and describes stages of actions the District may take to manage demand and allocate available supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District, in accordance with its Water Shortage Contingency Plan, hereby declares that a Stage 2 Water Shortage exists in its service area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Calleguas encourages water users within its service area to reduce their use of water by 15 percent and implement feasible water use efficiency measures in an effort to extend stored water supplies and minimize effects associated with prevailing drought conditions.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this eighteenth day of August, 2021.

Steve Blois, President
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District held on August 18, 2021.

ATTEST:

Raul Avila, Secretary
Board of Directors

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